

OPENING

Chairman Merritt brought the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. welcoming all in attendance and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT

Chairman Harold Merritt
Mayor Marty Lisonbee
Board Member Ross Gregerson
Board Member Denny Bass

Town Recorder Michelle Kinney

EXUSED

Board Member Neil Duncan
Rod Mills
Dale Harris

Discussion and Action

1. SSD Recorder Appointment

MOTION: Chairman Merritt motions to appoint Michelle Kinney as the Recorder for the Big Plains Water and Sewer Special Services District.

SECOND: Board Member Bass

VOTE: Chairman Merritt called for a vote:

Board Member Gregerson – Aye

Board Member Bass – Aye

Chairman Merritt – Aye

Mayor Lisonbee- Aye

The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Swearing in of Michelle Kinney as SSD Recorder is performed by Jauna McGinnis, Notary Public.

2. Ross Gregerson Chair Pro Tem

MOTION: Chairman Merritt motions to appoint Board Member Ross Gregerson as

the Chair-Pro Tem in the absence of Chairman Merritt when he is gone during the summer.

SECOND: Board Member Bass
VOTE: Chairman Merritt called for a vote:
Board Member Gregerson – Aye
Board Member Bass – Abstain
Chairman Merritt – Aye
Mayor Lisonbee- Nay

Motion does not pass with two voting Aye, one Abstain and one Nay.

Mayor Lisonbee would have liked to have a discussion on this before the vote was cast. The Mayor shares his concern about Ross being the Chair of this committee if he is unwilling or too busy to understand the finances of the district.

Chairman Merritt mentions that Board Member Gregerson has filled in as water master several times. Chairman Merritt will still be in handling things on the financial end of the district. Chairman Merritt is speaking more in terms of handling the meetings.

MOTION: Chairman Merritt motions to sustain Ross Gregerson as the Chair-Pro Tem.
SECOND: Mayor Lisonbee
VOTE: Chairman Merritt called for a vote:
Board Member Gregerson – Aye
Board Member Bass – Abstain
Chairman Merritt – Aye
Mayor Lisonbee- Aye

The motion carries with three Aye and one Abstain.

3. Assistant Water Master

Harold discusses contract labor. Kevin Sair is already working for the town from time to time, and he is happy to work for the district as a volunteer or employee if needed.

Board Member Gregerson asks what the state requires for an assistant. He asks if there is a statute that says the assistant must be certified.

Board Member Gregerson suggests that it might be better to do a swap with someone from another town who is trained and certified.

Harold mentions looking into this further to see what the requirements are. If there are no requirements then we can just have Dale give him a little training.

Virgin may need a backup as well and maybe we can help each other.

Town Councilmember Kopp approaches and gives the phone with information about the position of an assistant.

4. FY 2020 Budget Review and changes

Chairman Merritt turns some time to Ben Billingsley to give an overview of the budget for next year. Ben-Income projections make this budget compliant. If everything came in as budgeted it would show equity. Board Member Bass asks about impact fees. The second half of the Gooseberry Impact fee will cover most of what is needed. There are 4 other builds that are in the works and then 4 other unknown builds. The engineer has been given the go ahead on a pipeline off of Paradise. We would be picking up three or four wells along the way of this pipeline. Chairman Merritt discusses how water brokering is done. Ben is concerned that we don't have the off-setting expense on this budget for the water brokering. He will need to understand this more clearly and work that into this budget. Ben recommends this is a tentative budget and Ben will need to meet with Rod to understand the flow of money more clearly.

Board Member Gregerson asks if the district should be working out on an inter-local agreement with the town for the staff and wonders if the town will require the district to pay the money back to the town. Chairman Merritt mentions that between now and the meeting in June we should get some framework in place to decide what if anything will be paid to the town when the district is in the position to do so.

MOTION: Mayor Lisonbee motions to adopt this tentative budget for FY 2020 as presented in this meeting.

SECOND: Board Member Gregerson

VOTE: Chairman Merritt called for a vote:

Board Member Gregerson –	Aye
Board Member Bass –	Aye
Chairman Merritt –	Aye
Mayor Lisonbee-	Aye

The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

5. Jepson Canyon Water Agreement and Payment

The agreement is in the packet, they have not asked the town or the service district to reimburse some of what they are doing. The SSD originally told them they could give 360 acre feet of water to the project. With the new agreement they would substantially reduce that. Chairman Merritt spoke with Hank and would like to get this agreement similar to what was done with Gooseberry.

6. Well House Security Fence and Tank Ladder Cage

Chairman Merritt got a bid for the ladder for \$800 dollars. The new Gooseberry tank will be 33 feet wide and 24 feet high and holds 150,000 gallons. It will sit on the current footprint area of the current tanks. The security fence bid that he has is at \$3500.

7. Proposed Private Well Use

Chairman Merritt hasn't got the information he was looking for on this yet.

8. Gooseberry Agreement with Exhibit "A"

Shawn would like us to vote on this. They discuss the lines on the map. Rich says he has the money ready.

MOTION: Chairman Merritt motions to accept Exhibit "A" as attached to the Gooseberry Preserve agreement.

SECOND: Board Member Bass

VOTE: Chairman Merritt called for a vote:
Board Member Gregerson – Aye
Board Member Bass – Aye
Chairman Merritt – Aye
Mayor Lisonbee- Aye

The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

9. Consent Calendar March 2019

MOTION: Mayor Lisonbee moves to approve the consent calendar for March 2019

SECOND: Board Member Gregerson

VOTE: Chairman Merritt called for a vote:
Board Member Gregerson – Aye
Board Member Bass – Aye
Chairman Merritt – Aye
Mayor Lisonbee- Aye

The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

10. Approval of Minutes for 3.7.2019

MOTION: Mayor Lisonbee moves to approve the minutes for 3.7.2019

SECOND: Board Member Bass

VOTE: Chairman Merritt called for a vote:

Board Member Gregerson – Aye

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Board Member Bass –	Aye
Chairman Merritt –	Aye
Mayor Lisonbee-	Aye

The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Adjournment

MOTION: Board Member Bass motions to adjourn
SECOND: Mayor Lisonbee
VOTE: Chairman Merritt called for a vote:
Board Member Gregerson – Aye
Board Member Bass – Aye
Chairman Merritt – Aye
Mayor Lisonbee- Aye

The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

Date approved: 6 June 2019



Harold Merritt, Chairman

ATTEST BY: 

Michelle Kinney, Recorder